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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU ADDRESSED PLENARY SESSION APRIL 24 SETTING FORTH GOR VIEWS ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS. IN RATHER OBVIOUS ALLUSION TO ROMANIA'S POSITION IN EAST BLOC, CEAUSESCU SPOKE OUT STRONGLY IN FAVOR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY AND AGAINST INTER-VENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANY STATE BY OUTSIDE POWER. THEN IN MOVE PRESUMABLY CALCULATED AS BALANCING ACTIONWHICH WAS GENERALLY CRITICIZED BY WESTERN DELE-GATES AS INAPPROPRIATE FOR HOST GOVERNMENT, HE MADE DIRECT AND HEAVY ATTACK ON PORTUGAL FOR POLICIES IN AFRICA AND CALLED ON OTHER EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TO URGE PORTUGAL TO LIVE UP TO UN RESOLUTIONS ON DECOLONI-
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ZATION. HE ALSO REFERRED TO MIDDLE EAST, CALLING FOR

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JUST AND DURABLE PEACE ON BASIS SC RESOLUTIONS AND URGING GREATER PERSEVERANCE AND EFFORT BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. CEAUSESCU SPOKE AT LENGTH ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS ARGUING NEED FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL COUNTRIES AND NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. CALLED FOR NEW MONETARY SYSTEM WITH "FAIR" RELATION AMONG CURRENCIES, CRITICIZED CLOSED ECONOMIC BLOCS, AND SUPPORTED "IMPROVED" TERMS OF TRADE.

3. ECE SHOULD PROMOTE NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONS, CREATE CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE AND STRENGTHEN DETENTE AND COOPERATION. THE COMMISSION HAS A DUTY TO DO EVERYTHING TO PROMOTE FREE, MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION WITHOUT REGARD TO DIFFERENT GLOBAL SYSTEMS. HE POINTED UP IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN CREATING "REAL SECURITY" WITHIN CONTEXT OF CSCE.

4. PRESIDENT SAID THAT ROMANIA IS EXPANDING RELATIONS WITH ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE ADDED THAT WORLD IS IN PROCESS OF REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE WITH MUTATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA. ROMANIA OPPOSES DOMINATION AND OPPRESSION ANDSUPPORTS INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, NON- INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND RENUNCIATION OF FORCE. THERE IS A NEW COURSE TOWARD DETENTE ALTHOUGH REACTIONARY FORCES ATTEMPTING TO FRUSTRATE THIS COURSE.

5. CEAUSESCU APPEALED TO ECE TO ACT MORE FIRMLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS BEFORE CURRENT UNGA. THERE SHOULD BE GREATER ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S IN ORDER TO INCREASE OVER-ALL LEVEL OF WELL-BEING, BUT HE RE-JECTED PRESSURE OR INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

6. PRESIDENT BORE DOWN HEAVILY ON PORTUGAL, DENOUNC-ING HER AFRICAN POLICIES AND GOING INTO CONSIDERABLY MORE DETAIL THAN NECESSARY TO MAKE HIS POINT. IN CALLING ON EUR STATES TO PRESSURE PORTUGAL, HE AVOIDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

ANY REFERENCE TO NATO; HE DID NOT MENTION RHODESIA OR SOUTH AFRICA BUT INCLUDED ONE SIDE REFERENCE TO NAMIBIA. GENERAL SPECULATION WAS THAT CEAUSESCU'S SHARP EMPHASIS ON PORTUGAL WAS MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO BALANCE OFF HIS SCARCELY-VEILED REFERENCES TO SOVIET POLITICAL AND ECONO-MIC POLICIES IN EE. HOWEVER, MOST WESTERN DELEGATES INDLUDING UK, FRG, CANADA, SWEDEN, AND GREECE, PRIVATELY CRITI-CIZED PRESIDENT FOR HAVING GONE BEYOND BOUNDS OF GOOD

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TASTE AS HOST TO MEETING WITH HIS INTRUSION OF ESSEN-
TIALLY POLITICAL ATTACK INTO ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.
DUTCH DELGATE VAN WIJK, MAKING CLEAR HIS GOVERNMENT
HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE WITH CEAUSESCU, APPROACHED
MEMBER OF ROMANIAN GROUP AND CHIDED HIM FOR PRESIDENT'S
BREACH OF MANNERS. PORTUGAL GOT REVENGE WITH OVER-
LENGTHY REVIEW OF PORTUGUESE ECONOMY, AT END OF WHICH
PORTUGUESE DELEGATE MADE ATTEMPT AT SARCASM IN "THANK-
ING" HIS ROMANIAN HOSTS FOR WORDS THEY HAD SEEN FIT
TO APPLY TO PORTUGAL.

7. LATER APRIL 24 PORTUGUESE DEL THOMAS ANDERSEN TOLD AMBASSADOR
BENNETT HE IN TOUCH WITH LISBON RE POSSIBILITY HIS LEAVING
MEETING EARLY. TODAY APRIL 25 HE PAID FAREWELL CALL ON CZECH DEL
HRUZA AS CHAIRMAN OF MEETING AND TOLD HRUZA HE DEPARTING FOR
LISBON.
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